

## Summer in Hong Kong (to warm your hearts during winter in Australia)

We celebrate the end of the academic year for Ian and Narelle's Growth Groups (Bible Studies).

Ian's new group began in February 2018 as a multiplication of his previous group, in a new location. The group now numbers 14 people from the original 5 that started the group. The new location is excellent for people who live in the area.

From 20-23rd July, 10 people from the two groups will travel to Jakarta to be involved in a short term mission with KDM. KDM is a ministry to street children of the city. You might remember our presentation in 2015 that featured KDM along with other projects of All Saints. It is great picture of the world wide kingdom of God that our churches in Jakarta and Hong Kong can be connected by



Members of Ian's two Growth Groups who are going to Jakarta later in July

Christian compassion and ministry. Please pray as Ian's group travels and ministers in Jakarta that they will be kept safe and able to communicate clearly the love of Jesus. By praying you will also be connected.



Narelle, Katherine and our dog Cho

Narelle's group started in January 2018 and they have ended the year with at least 10 ladies attending each week. It has been exciting seeing how the ladies have grown in their understanding of the bible and in their love and care for one another. Give thanks to God for Katherine who has been Narelle's assistant leader.

Over the months of July-Aug the church's growth groups stop for a holiday period. But some of the ladies of Narelle's group expressed how hard it would be for them to not have Christian support for two months. Thus we have decided to run two Summer Growth Groups; one for ladies on a Tuesday morning following the sermon series on the fruit of the Spirit. The group is open to any women who would like to join over the Summer for however many weeks they are available. Pray that the group will be an encouragement to a diverse range of women throughout the church.

The second group will commence on Wednesday evenings as some of Narelle's ladies group's timetables change over Summer. This evening group will be open to everyone, male or female, with a meal offered for those who book in. The group will do the Discipleship Explored Course. Pray that this initiative will help people make new friendships in our large church, friendship that will help mature people in Christ and encourage those who are not currently in a growth group to get involved in one in September.

There are two other events/courses over the Summer break that Ian will be involved with; Confirmation and a course to help those who seek to care spiritually for the Ageing.

Ian will lead the church's second Spiritual Care for the Ageing Course. This is a great video/discussion course for those who have 'old' people in their families or are joining the church's Elderly Visitation Team.



Course members of the May 2018 'Spiritual Care for the Ageing' that Ian led

Also the Bishop of the Diocese of West Kowloon; Bishop Andrew Chan will Confirm 6 adults and I an will prepare them for this event. Pray that these opportunities will enable people to grow in Christ and continue to serve him and his kingdom faithfully.

Narelle has been invited to speak at Bowral Church's Women's Weekend Away in Mid August. She would appreciate much prayer as she prepares for 5 talks and 5 studies on the letter to the Philippians . Pray that God would use the weekend to build up and encourage those who attend in their life in Christ. It is lovely that Narelle's mum will travel with Narelle back to Hong Kong for 3 weeks.

Thanks for your prayers for Beth. She has had a wonderful year at the Diocesan Girls Junior School (DGJS). She has made some excellent friends with some of the teachers.



Beth's Graduation in May  
B.Ed. (Primary) University of Technology Sydney



Some of Beth's Work Friends having Yum Cha

Beth has decided not to extend her teaching contract at DGJS. She will start the new academic year (Mid Aug), at the Christian Alliance International School (CAI S). At this new school she will be teaching more subjects than just English, have her own class room and have a maximum of 25 children (currently she teaches 37 children). Pray for Beth as she transitions to the new school. Pray that she will develop another group of supportive colleagues.

#### Praise God;

- For Narelle and Ian's Growth Groups (Bible Study Groups) which have grown numerically and spiritually over the last 6 months and that these groups have been an encouragement to Narelle and Ian
- For Katherine as she helps lead with Narelle. Thank God for the way that he has prepared her for this opportunity, and her enthusiasm and generosity to serve.
- For the opportunity to be at St Andrew's Church Hong Kong where even the Summer Holidays have opportunities for Christian Growth and service.
- For Beth's University Graduation and her experience in her first teaching position

#### Pray to God;

- That Ian and Narelle would be sustained physically, emotionally and spiritually over the 'summer break'
- For Narelle's preparation and then teaching at the Bowral Church's Women's Weekend Away that the time together will be used by God to build up and encourage the life of Christian faith.
- For Ian and his Growth Group who will be serving in Jakarta for a weekend that they will clearly communicate Christ.

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